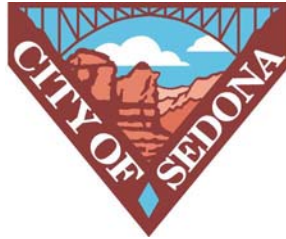


PROPOSED 2002 SEDONA COMMUNITY PLAN
***SYNOPSIS OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND CHANGES TO
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VISION STATEMENT FROM THE SEDONA COMMUNITY PLAN:

The vision that the citizens have for the future of their City is. . .

To be a city that is constantly vigilant over the preservation of its natural beauty, scenic vistas, pristine environment and cultural heritage.

To be a city that retains its small-town character and creates its manmade improvements in strict harmony with nature.

To be a city that is animated by the arts, and lives with a spirit of volunteerism to help achieve our common goals.

To be a city that offers equal opportunities for all and fosters a sense of community.

To be a city that welcomes and accommodates all of its visitors and future residents with a spirit of fellowship.

To be a city that retains and enhances a strong and vital economy which preserves existing lifestyles without exploiting the natural beauty.

And finally,

To be a city that lives up to the challenge of proper stewardship of one of the earth's great treasures.

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This synopsis is presented in the following sections and should be used in comparing key changes between the current 1998 Community Plan and the proposed Community Plan adopted by the City Council on December 10, 2002:

- I. Introduction/Background**
- II. Organizational Structure**
- III. Community Issues and Plan Elements**
- IV. Community Plan Elements and Recommendations**

I. Introduction/Background:

- **What is the Sedona Community Plan?**

The Sedona Community Plan is the City's general plan required by state law. It is a statement of community goals and development policies used by the City in making decisions regarding new development, formulating new regulations and ordinances and in making decisions on priorities and funding for planning programs and infrastructure and facility construction. The City has a Strategic Planning Process to prioritize recommended Actions from the Plan on an annual basis. The Sedona Community Plan was originally adopted in November 1991 and underwent its first major update in June 1998. On December 10, 2002, the Sedona City Council unanimously adopted the proposed 2002 Sedona Community Plan. State law requires Sedona voters to approve this Plan before it becomes effective.

- **Why was Sedona's current 1998 Community Plan updated?**

In January 2001, the City began the process of updating the Sedona Community Plan to address key community issues and to comply with new state legislation known as "Growing Smarter". This legislation not only requires changes to the Community Plan, but also affects how the Plan is changed. In addition to numerous opportunities for public input provided over the past two years, Sedona's residents now will also vote on the Plan in May 2003.

- **What does the Growing Smarter legislation require?**

Adoption of new Plan elements:

Growth Area -	A new element in the Community Plan
Open Space -	A new element in the Community Plan
Water Resources -	A new element in the Community Plan
Cost of Development -	A new element in the Community Plan
Environmental Planning -	A revised element in the Community Plan

Land Use and Circulation elements were previously required and remain required elements in the Community Plan.

Emphasis on public input:

The Growing Smarter legislation places significant emphasis on public participation for both this Community Plan update and for Major Amendments to the Plan. Public input and information techniques used in the Plan update have included community meetings, presentations to community groups, focus groups, questionnaire, comment cards, e-mails, letters, newsletters, newspaper ads and articles, radio programs, website, exhibits and 27 public hearings and worksessions with both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

Citizen Vote:

Growing Smarter also requires that the citizens of Sedona ratify the Community Plan adopted by the City Council on December 10, 2002. Citizens will vote on the Plan in May 2003.

- **What happens if the Plan is not approved by the voters?**

State law requires that once approved by the City Council, Sedona's Community Plan must be sent to the voters for ratification. Should the voters not approve this Plan, the current 1998 Plan will remain in effect until the voters approve a new Plan.

II. Organizational Structure:

- **Is the organization of the proposed 2002 Community Plan much different from the current 1998 Community Plan?**

Yes, the proposed 2002 Sedona Community Plan has been significantly re-organized to be more "streamlined" and user-friendly. Even with the addition of four entirely new elements, the proposed 2002 Plan is essentially the same size as the current (1998) Plan.

Section 1.0 – Preface

The Growing Smarter mandates have been added. Subsections on amending the Community Plan are now covered in a separate section (Section 18).

Section 2.0 – Introduction

A Community Profile has been added and existing and future conditions data are summarized. This section replaces Section 3.0 in the current (1998) Plan. More detailed background information is contained in a separate, supplemental document that is not a part of the adopted Plan (*Community Plan Supplement*).

Section 3.0 – Community Vision, Goals, Objectives, Policies and Actions

This section includes all of the Plan's goals, objectives and recommended actions. This replaces part of Section 2.0 in the current (1998) Plan.

Sections 4.0 through 17.0 – Community Plan Elements

These sections replace Sections 4.0 through 14.0 in the current (1998) Plan. Each element typically has three subsections: Key Issues, Recommendations and an Action Program. The

subsections on Previous Actions and Accomplishments (1998 Plan) have been removed and are covered in the *Community Plan Supplement*. Additional discussion regarding background and existing and future conditions contained in some elements in the 1998 Plan are also now covered in Section 2.0 or the *Supplement*. Consequently, the Land Use, Circulation and Economic Development Elements are substantially shorter and easier to “digest” than the 1998 Plan. The Parks, Trails and Non-Motorized Bikeways Element has also been removed. Parks and trails are now covered in the Open Space Element and recreational needs are covered under the Community Facilities, Services and Recreation Element.

Section 18.0 – Community Plan Update and Amendments

This section essentially replaces Section 1.3 through 1.5 of the 1998 Plan. This section includes comprehensive Community Plan Updates and defines Major Amendments (incorporating Growing Smarter requirements) and Minor Amendments; Specific Plan Preparation and the 1998 and 2001-2002 Plan update processes.

III. Community Issues and Plan Elements:

- **How does the proposed 2002 Community Plan address community issues?**

During the Community Plan update process, key issues were identified by the community, including:

SR 179 widening
Open Space/National Forest
Lodging and Local Needs
Environment
Water Resources
Community Character

Two of these issues – Water Resources and Open Space, are now addressed through the new required Water Resources and Open Space Elements of the proposed 2002 Community Plan. These elements are not included in the current 1998 Plan. In the Plan’s Circulation Element, the proposed 2002 Plan now comprehensively addresses the need to retain the community’s small-town character and scenic quality in conjunction with SR 179 improvements and recommends that a specific area plan for the SR 179 corridor be prepared through dialogue with the Arizona Department of Transportation to pursue improvements in keeping with community goals and policies. The Land Use Element in the proposed 2002 Plan also reduces the land area that is acceptable for lodging uses. The proposed 2002 Plan also eliminates “Transitional” land use categories from the current 1998 Plan and, instead, includes Special Planning Areas with a focus on community needs and benefits, rather than specific uses and densities.

- **What new elements have been added to the Plan?**

The Growing Smarter legislation requires the adoption of new Plan elements – Water Resources, Open Space, Environmental Planning, Growth Area, and Cost of Development. With the exception of the Environmental Element, Sedona’s current 1998 Plan does not have these elements. The proposed 2002 Community Plan now includes these required elements and has updated the Environmental Planning Element to more appropriately address the intent of the new legislation and to address key community issues. Land Use and Circulation elements were previously required and remain required elements by State law. All other elements in the Community Plan are not required by State law for the City of Sedona and are not new elements in the proposed 2002 Community Plan. These include Housing, Regional Coordination, Community Facilities, Services and Recreation, Economic Development, Tourism, Historic Preservation and Arts and Culture.

IV. Community Plan Elements and Recommendations

The Sedona Community Plan has two primary kinds of recommendations – Policies and Actions.

Policies guide future development decisions within the community. Policies have been developed based on the priorities of the community and are in every element of the Plan. All of the Plan’s policies are top priorities as they form the guidelines used to make decisions and they represent the City’s position on growth and protection of the natural environment.

Actions include recommendations to develop new regulations, initiate new planning programs and plan for capital improvements. Most of the Plan’s 14 elements include an Action Program. Since the priority for specific actions can change based on several factors, including budgetary constraints, the City has a Strategic Planning Process to prioritize recommended actions from the Plan on an annual basis.

The following represent the key recommendations from each element of the proposed 2002 Community Plan:

Section 4.0 – Growth Area Element

This is a completely new element in the Sedona Community Plan, mandated by the Growing Smarter legislation and requires communities to identify land development patterns that do not promote urban sprawl.

Growth Area Vision:

Promote infill and prohibit sprawl by providing a rational pattern of land development, utilizing the existing private land base to meet the needs of Sedona’s population once this land base is built out.

Key Recommendations:

The focus of this element is to retain the existing geographic limits of the private land base within the City and support the general policies of the Coconino National Forest Plan that support the retention of National Forest lands within the City. Future growth should be limited to the buildout of the existing land base and re-development of the existing commercial areas.

Section 5.0 – Land Use Element

This is the focal element of the Community Plan and has guided the formulation of the other Plan elements. It establishes different land use categories and includes a map that identifies where these categories should be located. The Land Use Element describes where the community should and should not develop, the anticipated scale and intensity of development and how various land uses relate to each other.

Land Use Vision:

Maintain the value of Sedona’s scenic and natural resources, which are the keystones of our economic strength and quality of life. Enhance and preserve the natural beauty of the area and retain the small-town character of Sedona, recognizing the importance of appreciating and protecting open space and ensuring its integration with the built environment. Ensure that growth does not exceed the projected buildout of the community and that future development occurs in a manner that promotes a high level of social interaction.

New Recommendations -General:

Several goals, objectives, policies and other recommendations have been provided that address and carry out the Community Plan’s land use vision. In the proposed 2002 Community Plan, new objectives have been added regarding the preservation of the SR 179 highway corridor and a new objective has been added to ensure that the current percentage of commercial land dedicated to lodging uses does not increase proportionally over the percentage of commercial land dedicated to other uses, once commercial lands are built out.

New Recommendations - Future Land Use Map:

Lodging Uses:

Prior to the 1998 update of the Community Plan, lodging uses were allowed anywhere in commercial areas. The 1998 update of the Community Plan, for the first time, provided specific locations for lodging uses, confining most lodging to only the most intensive commercial “core” areas of the community. These “Focused Activity Centers (FAC’s)” are intended to allow the development of lodging uses where the greatest diversity of commercial uses exist or can be developed and where there is signalized access to the highway. Within these areas, a broad mix of land uses are encouraged in order to provide active centers where many uses can be accessed within walking distance. In the proposed 2002 Community Plan, the total area of the FAC’s has been reduced from the current 1998 Plan in order to promote more locally-oriented uses. Some additional commercial areas

outside the FAC's that also encouraged lodging uses in the 1998 Plan, no longer are recommended for lodging uses in the proposed 2002 Plan.

Transitional Areas:

The Transitional land use categories in the current 1998 Plan have been eliminated in the proposed 2002 Plan. The area designated as "T-1 Transitional" in the current 1998 Plan has been re-designated as "Single-family low density residential", "Public/semi-public" and "Planned Area" in the proposed 2002 Plan. The area designated as "T-16 Transitional" in the current 1998 Plan has been re-designated as "Mobile Home Park" in the proposed 2002 Plan. With some modifications, the other Transitional areas in the current 1998 Plan have been re-designated as "Special Planning Areas" in the proposed 2002 Plan.

Special Planning Areas:

Special Planning Areas are a new land use category in the proposed 2002 Plan. These areas are different from the Transitional Areas in the current 1998 Plan. While Transitional Areas in the current 1998 Plan focus not only on community benefits, specific recommended land uses and densities are also included. In the proposed 2002 Community Plan, Special Planning Areas are focused on community needs and benefits unique to each area as a guide for consideration of future development proposals, rather than on specific uses and densities. The description of potential needs and benefits in each area has also been more comprehensively addressed. Each Special Planning Area description is general enough to allow a broad range of potential solutions to address community needs and provide community benefits so that a specific use or density is not the primary justification for approving a particular project. The Special Planning Area designation does not effect the zoning on properties within these areas and a zone change would be required to do anything different from what the current zoning allows. Any proposed rezoning must be evaluated against the needs and benefits described in the Community Plan to determine whether or not the rezoning is a benefit to the community or area.

Action Program:

Several new recommended actions are included in the proposed 2002 Community Plan Land Use Element that are not in the current 1998 Plan. These include:

- Preparation of a specific plan for the SR 179 corridor
- Creation of a native plants ordinance
- Re-evaluation of sign regulations
- Inclusion of an Oak Creek Creekwalk in the Trails and Urban Pathways Plan
- The need for evaluation of potential non-aeronautical uses at the airport as an alternative to air tour operations as a revenue source for the airport.
- Amendments to existing zoning districts to be consistent with specific area planning, including the removal of undesirable and unsupported uses from the City's Land Development Code
- Development of guidelines for water storage tanks
- Deletion of Transitional zones from the Land Development Code and evaluation of zoning districts for Special Planning Areas.

Section 6.0 – Housing Element

This element contains recommendations to guide the City in establishing standards for housing quality, variety, affordability and preservation of small-town character.

Housing Vision:

Provide equal opportunity choices for shelter, well-insulated from high volume roadways, aviation and other noise and non-residential land uses. Housing should foster a sense of neighborhood among nearby residents and a sense of community through linkage with surrounding neighborhoods.

New Recommendations:

Several goals, objectives and policies have been prepared consistent with the housing vision. In the proposed 2002 Plan, a new objective has been added that would support the re-development of existing mobile home parks to upgrade conditions and retain housing densities where new units can be affordable to low and moderate income households. In the current 1998 Plan, support for density bonuses greater than 12 units per acre has been eliminated in the proposed 2002 Plan. The proposed 2002 Plan also references the Sedona Housing Study (completed in 2002) as a resource in the future consideration of an updated Housing Element in the Community Plan.

Action Program:

Several action items from the current 1998 Plan have been deleted from the proposed 2002 Plan, including evaluation of density bonus provisions, evaluation of transitional areas for use of accessory structures as rental units and evaluation of transfer of development rights to transfer densities between parcels.

Section 7.0 – Circulation Element

This element contains recommendations to assist the City in developing a comprehensive circulation system, including vehicular, bicycle/pedestrian and transit modes of transportation in the community. It is linked to the land use policies set forth in the Community Plan by balancing future transportation needs with community sensitivity and projected land uses.

Circulation Vision:

Provide environmentally sensitive and aesthetic integration of a circulation network that efficiently and safely transports residents and visitors throughout the region, with an emphasis on non-motorized and transit-related travel modes. As planned improvements are considered, it will be critical that the community is significantly involved in the planning process to ensure that solutions are agreed upon which maintain environmental quality, community character and meet future needs.

New Recommendations:

Several goals, objectives, policies and other recommendations have been provided that address and carry out the Community Plan's circulation vision.

SR 179:

Two new goals and four new objectives have been added in the proposed 2002 Plan that address the SR 179 corridor and the SR 89A/179 intersection (the "Y").

Goal 1.0: Ensure that SR 179 will always be known as a scenic corridor of uncommon beauty and that improvements to the highway are made in the interest of public safety and in keeping with the scenic sensitivity of this world-renowned gateway to the community.

A related objective calls for the preparation of a specific area plan for the SR 179 corridor through dialogue with ADOT to pursue SR 179 improvements that result in maximum preservation of natural vegetation and open space, guide future development/re-development, provide for community needs, control access, locate potential shuttle stops, accommodate pedestrians and bicycles and minimize impacts on adjacent property owners. An objective regarding the SR 89A/179 intersection calls for completion of a thorough study of the "Y" intersection and Uptown area traffic flow to ensure that the best possible traffic solution can be found prior to the programming of SR 179 construction.

In the proposed 2002 Plan, more specific recommendations to prepare a specific area plan for the SR 179 corridor address open space needs, uses, mitigation of highway impacts on property owners, highway design features, community needs and the "Y" intersection. There is no in-depth discussion regarding SR 179 in the current 1998 Plan.

Other New Recommendations:

Recommendations in the current 1998 Plan regarding the re-establishment of Red Rock Crossing have been deleted from the proposed 2002 Plan. The issue of an alternate connection between SR 89A and 179 is discussed in the Regional Coordination Element of the proposed 2002 Plan. It is recommended that this issue be evaluated through regional circulation planning to determine purpose and need and potential location (eg. An alternate route vs. an emergency or shuttle-restricted access). This recommendation is also an Action item in the proposed 2002 Circulation Element.

The Community Plan has supported shuttle transit and the need for a feasibility study since 1991. The proposed 2002 Plan updates this discussion, referencing the Sedona Shuttle Feasibility Study currently underway.

Action Program:

New action items have been added to the proposed 2002 Plan regarding the preparation of a specific area plan for the SR 179 corridor and planning for the SR 89A/179 intersection. An action item has also been added for the City to participate in the preparation of a regional circulation plan.

Section 8.0 – Regional Coordination Element

Recognizing that growth does not stop at the City’s boundaries, this element contains goals and objectives promoting regular interaction and communication with the communities and other jurisdictions of the Verde Valley, working toward the development of a regional plan. Although this element is not new to the proposed 2002 Plan, it has been substantially revised and updated to reflect the progress that has been made in regional planning efforts over the past four years and to provide a better assessment of what needs to be done over the next several years and beyond.

Regional Coordination Vision:

Foster a harmonious interaction with the communities and rural areas in the Sedona area, and work toward the mutual support of a regional growth management policy based on needs, goals assets and resources.

New Recommendations:

In the proposed 2002 Plan, several new recommendations have been prepared to carry out the Regional Coordination vision. A new goal has been added to ensure that Verde Valley communities do not grow together and that significant open spaces are maintained between communities and along highway corridors. Objectives have also been added regarding regional open space planning for the Verde Valley. A new goal and related objectives regarding shuttle transit have also been added. The proposed 2002 Plan has also been updated to acknowledge and support regional resolutions and a memorandum of understanding passed by Verde Valley communities and Yavapai County that discourage urban sprawl and support regional planning for the Verde Valley. A draft scope of work for a regional plan is also included.

Action Program:

Several new action items are included in the proposed 2002 Community Plan that are not included in the current 1998 Plan. Most of these are described in the Water Resources and Open Space Elements in this synopsis. An action item has also been added to pursue a policy for City review of regional development projects.

Section 9.0 – Open Space Element

This is a completely new element in the Community Plan required by the Growing Smarter legislation. The current 1998 Community Plan does not have an Open Space Element. The proposed 2002 Plan now comprehensively addresses open space issues and needs. The Open Space Element identifies needs and methods to preserve and protect open space and promote regional open space planning. In addition to open space preservation, this element identifies a system of parks and trails necessary to meet the recreational needs of the community and to provide access to open space areas.

Open Space Vision:

Ensure that a significant amount of open space will be a strong determining factor in the character of Sedona and the Verde Valley region. Maintain the value of Sedona's scenic and natural resources, including the protection and integration of open space as key elements of our economic strength and quality of life. In addition to open space preservation, a comprehensive system of parks and trails should be established to meet the recreational needs of the community and to provide access to open space areas for the enjoyment of the public.

New Recommendations:

Several goals, objectives, policies and other recommendations have been provided that address and carry out the Community Plan's open space vision. In the proposed 2002 Plan, new goals and objectives include working with the U.S. Forest Service to ensure the preservation and stewardship of National Forest lands within the City and the Sedona area, preservation of open space along highway corridors and the need to preserve open space within the Verde Valley region. The proposed 2002 Plan provides more specific recommendations under several topical headings:

National Forest:

The proposed 2002 Plan includes discussion of potential public needs and the current USFS headquarters, maintenance of the wildland character in the urban interface between the National Forest and private lands, access issues and trails and urban pathways on National Forest lands within the City.

State Trust Lands:

The proposed 2002 Plan supports the preservation of open space on State Trust lands within the City and discusses potential opportunities to preserve these lands.

Highway Corridors and Private lands:

The proposed 2002 Plan recommends the preparation of specific area plans for the highway corridors and the use of the development review/zoning/subdivision and other project review processes to achieve open space preservation along the highway corridors. The preservation of open space on other private lands could be pursued for the Oak Creek riparian corridor and in areas with significant topographic features through an open space preservation/acquisition program.

Open Space Preservation/Acquisition:

Includes the recommended components for the preparation of a potential open space preservation/acquisition program.

Parks, Recreation and Trails:

Includes specific recommendations regarding parks and trails in the City.

Regional Open Space:

The proposed 2002 Plan supports the maintenance of significant open spaces between communities and along highway corridors and supports development patterns that limit urban

densities and land uses to within or immediately adjacent to corporate limits and other urban centers in the Verde Valley. The Plan also recommends that the July 2001 regional report on “Open Space Issues and Challenges in the Verde Valley” be used as a resource in developing a regional open space plan.

Action Program:

Several new action items are included in the proposed 2002 Community Plan, including:

- Preparation of a specific plan for the SR 179 corridor
- Development of a plan for USFS trailhead access on State Trust lands on Soldier Pass Road
- Pursuing ways to preserve open space on State Trust lands
- Participation in Verde Valley regional open space planning
- Preparation of a land acquisition and easement plan for trails, trail access and right-of-way.
- Planning and creation of an Oak Creek Creekwalk
- Evaluation of the City’s development application processes to require trails, trail access and trailheads
- Working with the U.S. Forest Service to develop a cooperative management, maintenance and monitoring strategy for the urban interface between private lands and the National Forest.
- Working with local neighborhoods and homeowners associations to acquire right-of-way along private streets for neighborhood pedestrian links to USFS trails where recommended in the Trails and Urban Pathways Plan.
- Developing partnerships to assist in joint management activities and joint use of recreational facilities
- Working with the USFS in evaluating identified public/semi-public needs on National Forest lands
- Coordination with other Verde Valley jurisdictions to define and evaluate public, recreational and open space needs on State Trust lands between Cottonwood and Sedona and pursuing strategies to acquire and/or reserve these lands

Section 10 – Environmental Planning Element

This element is a required element of the Growing Smarter legislation. Although the current 1998 Community Plan has an Environmental Element, it has been substantially revised in the proposed 2002 Plan to more appropriately address the intent of the new legislation and to address key community issues. The Environmental Planning Element has several recommendations that address the anticipated effects of current development and future growth on air and water quality and natural resources within the community and the region.

Environmental Quality Vision:

Preserve Sedona's natural beauty, environmental quality and vital natural resources through appropriate stewardship of the land, ensuring visual and physical harmony between the natural and manmade environment.

New Recommendations:

Several recommendations have been prepared to carry out the Environmental Quality vision. In the proposed 2002 Plan, new recommendations that are not in the current 1998 Plan have been added. These include:

- Encouraging methods for decreasing automobile dependence in the community, promoting pedestrian, bicycle, transit and land use patterns that discourage stop and go highway traffic.
- Monitoring and enforcement of air quality standards and management of stormwater pollution control during construction.
- Pursuing federal funding to implement the Federal Flood Control Act and support residential re-development out of floodway areas.
- Promotion of regulations requiring greater retention of existing native vegetation and evaluation of programs and policies regarding invasive weeds.

The proposed 2002 Community Plan also includes revised objectives regarding support for Arizona Department of Environmental Quality requirements regarding no additional effluent or other discharges into Oak Creek; establishment of a stormwater master plan and management/pollutant monitoring program in compliance with NPDES standards and the need for continued participation and support of the Sedona Citizens Noise Abatement Committee in working with the Airport Administration to address aircraft noise and traffic issues.

An objective in the current 1998 Community Plan supporting permeable parking lots has been deleted from the proposed 2002 Plan based on potential groundwater pollution concerns.

In the proposed 2002 Plan, specific recommendations have also been prepared for the following topical areas:

Water Quality: Includes discussion regarding wastewater issues, wellhead protection and stormwater planning, management and pollutant monitoring.

Air Quality: Includes discussion regarding vehicle emissions and wood smoke.

Floodplain Management: Includes discussion regarding the need for a comprehensive drainage plan.

Utility Undergrounding: Includes discussion regarding current program and evaluation of requirements for new commercial and multi-family development to place overhead lines underground.

Conservation Planning: Discussion regarding a potential Conservation Plan Element.

Aircraft Noise: Support for an air traffic control tower and discussion of the need for evaluation of non-aeronautical uses at the airport as an alternative to air tours as a source of revenue for the airport.

Action Program:

Several new or revised/updated action items are included in the proposed 2002 Community Plan, including:

- Creation of a native plants ordinance
- Working with the Airport Administration in identifying and determining under what conditions non-aeronautical uses at the airport could be supported to provide alternative to air tours as a source of revenue for the airport.
- Developing criteria for the placement of water tanks
- Evaluating the feasibility and possible development of a wellhead protection program.
- Revised action to include evaluation of regulations to require new commercial and multi-family development to place existing utility lines underground, undergrounding of utilities in established neighborhoods and requiring self-weathering steel poles, rather than galvanized for overhead replacement poles.
- Revised action to prepare and implement a comprehensive stormwater drainage plan and establish a management and pollution monitoring program.
- A new action revised from an objective in the current 1998 Plan regarding USFS prescribed burns. This item has been revised to work closely with the U.S. Forest Service to find the most benign methods to use in reducing the risk of fire while preserving and protecting regional air quality.

Section 11.0 – Water Resources Element

This is a completely new element in the Community Plan as required by the Growing Smarter legislation. The current 1998 Community Plan does not have a Water Resources Element. The proposed 2002 Plan now comprehensively addresses water resource issues and all of the recommendations and actions are new. This element contains recommendations addressing the need for adequate water sources and associated infrastructure to serve the needs of existing and future water users of the City.

Water Resources Vision:

Ensure adequate water sources and associated infrastructure to serve the needs of existing and future water users in the City of Sedona.

Key Recommendations:

Several goals, objectives and specific recommendations have been prepared consistent with the Water Resources vision. The focus of this element is to:

- Support efforts to improve regional cooperation and communication among regional entities and water companies in addressing water issues. This includes support for the efforts of the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee in researching groundwater supply and in developing a water management program and water budget based on projected needs.
- Encourage and promote water conservation, including education, promotion of native, low water use vegetation and support for County adoption of new golf course standards that ensure no depletions to the aquifer and encourage re-use of effluent.
- Develop and implement a program for water re-use.

Action Program:

Several new action items are included in the proposed 2002 Community Plan, including:

- Support and participation in the preparation of a regional water resource study and formulation and implementation of a regional water management program to ensure an adequate water supply for both existing and future water users.
- Formulation and implementation of a community-wide water resource conservation program.
- Evaluation of opportunities that promote the reuse of effluent.
- Evaluation of potential aquifer re-charge techniques.
- Evaluate the need for a Conservation Plan element.
- Investigate the acquisition of private water companies.

Section 12.0 – Community Facilities, Services and Recreation Element

This element contains recommendations addressing existing and proposed community facilities, services and City recreational needs. This section has been updated and re-organized in the proposed 2002 Community Plan to include City recreational needs that are covered in Section 12 of the current (1998) Plan.

Section 13.0 – Cost of Development Element

This is a completely new element in the Community Plan as required by the Growing Smarter legislation. The current 1998 Community Plan does not have a Cost of Development Element and all of the discussion and recommendations in this element are new in the proposed 2002 Plan. This element includes policies and strategies that the City may use to require development to pay its fair share compensation toward the cost of additional public service needs generated by new development.

Section 14.0 and 15.0 – Economic Development and Tourism Elements

These elements have been updated, but have not been otherwise changed from the current (1998) Plan. These elements outline values and goals to develop and maintain a diverse local economy and to ensure and maintain a quality visitor experience, focusing on maximizing tourism benefits and minimizing visitor impacts on the community.

Section 16.0 – Historic Preservation Element

This element has been revised and updated and identifies needs and strategies to preserve and protect Sedona's historic resources. Action strategies have been prepared to address the following:

- On-going historic architectural review process and procedures
- Protecting and preserving cultural resources in the planning and construction of new projects
- Preservation and re-vitalization of the Uptown area
- Promote, enhance and protect historic resources

Section 17.0 – Arts and Culture Element

This element has been revised and updated and contains recommendations promoting and enhancing Sedona's cultural and artistic heritage.

Arts and Culture Vision:

Sedona is a unique community, combining opportunities for the appreciation of its spectacular natural landscape with the excellence of its arts and culture experiences, thus contributing to a vibrant economy and the highest quality of life.

Action Program:

New actions in the proposed 2002 Plan include:

- Promotion and development of a creekwalk for the City of Sedona.
- Re-establishing and re-locating the community event signage program.
- Studying the feasibility of an indoor state-of-the art performing arts facility.
- Establishment of an annual City-wide Arts and Cultural week.
- Support for re-evaluation of the Land Development Code to provide additional opportunities for artists studios.